



Romancing the Region

What is romantic? Is it dinner by sunset? Breakfast in bed? Maybe sharing a bag of microwave popcorn in front of the fireplace, or even taking a jog along the waterfront. Whatever your idea of romance, it can be found northern Michigan.

Lodging

Year-round outdoor activities including parasailing, snowmobiling, hiking and skiing appeal to the hearts of the most rugged guest while unique hotels and cottages provide a welcome getaway for those looking for some time alone.

Tammy and Scott Koehler own and operate the Whaleback Inn in Leland and pride themselves in offering every guest "northern exposure with southern hospitality." A short drive from everything the region has to offer, the Koehler's appreciate their unique location. "We're open all year because this area provides so many things to do and see," said Tammy. "Our wineries have been producing outstanding vintages and word is spreading about the talent of our local chefs. When people come to stay with us, they either spend the weekend in front of the fireplace enjoying the view of Lake Leelanau, or they use us as their 'home base' while touring the towns, festivals and other attractions."

Golf

Said best by the Traverse City Convention and Visitors Bureau, the romance of golf in this region is "set against a backdrop of woods, water and hills throughout picturesque Leelanau, Grand Traverse, and Antrim counties. Matchless designs, stunning beauty, impeccable conditioning and a warm welcome await golfers teeing up in Traverse City. It's America's Golf Coast, a region selected by Golf Magazine as one of the top six golf destinations in the country."

Best known for its two unique nines, High Pointe Golf Club continues to be a favorite among local and visiting golf enthusiasts. As the first course designed by Tom Doak, High Pointe Golf Club is a challenging and fun 18-hole, daily fee golf course. High Pointe has received many accolades since opening 15 years ago, but is most proud of being recognized in Links Magazine as "one of the top 10 courses built in the U.S. in the last 10 years" (1989-1999).